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*In the specification, on page 1, line 3, between the title of the invention "A Therapeutic Bed" and the "Background of the Invention" please insert the following section heading and paragraph:*

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority to ~~and is a continuation-in-part of~~  
PCT/IE96/00087 filed Dec. 17, 1996, which entered the United States national stage on  
June 18, 1998, <sup>and a con of</sup> ~~as~~ U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/099,397, <sup>FILED 06/18/98</sup> which issued as U.S.  
Patent No. 6,112,349 on Sept. 5, 2000. This application also claims priority to Ireland  
application 950950 filed on Dec. 18, 1995, on which PCT/IE96/00087 is based.

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*In the specification, on page 3, line 22, before the paragraph starting "The invention," please insert the following paragraphs:*